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Viewing cable 05NEWDELHI6396, MEA URGES USG NOT TO PURSUE STATUS OF FORCES

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
05NEWDELHI6396	2005-08-18 09:35	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy New Delhi

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/the-india-cables/article1579418.ece>

This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available.

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E.O. 12958: DECL: 08/19/2015
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SUBJECT: MEA URGES USG NOT TO PURSUE STATUS OF FORCES
AGREEMENT WITH INDIA UNTIL ACSA AGREEMENT IS CONCLUDED

REF: STATE 143463

Classified By: DCM Robert O. Blake, Jr. for Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

- [1](#). (C) DATT conveyed reftel points to MEA Joint Secretary (Americas) Dr. S. Jaishankar in a letter on August 16 (full text para 6 below). Ir
- [2](#). (C) Jaishankar said that upon receipt of the DATT's letter, he had immediately consulted MEA's files and had found no indication of any ve

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MEA record of a September 25, 2001 meeting with the Embassy ODC Chief and DCM showed that Prasad specifically told the embassy representatives

- [3](#). (C) DCM pushed back on several counts. He first pointed out that it is appropriate for us to seek a SOFA given the growing complexity of c
- [4](#). (C) Jaishankar took the point, but said that if the US were to table a SOFA agreement at this stage, it could complicate efforts to concl
- [5](#). (C) Mission recommends that the US propose to the GOI that negotiation of a SOFA be a topic of discussion at the Defense Policy Group this

- [6](#). (SBU) Begin text of DATT letter:
16 August 2005

Dear Dr Jaishankar,
I have been asked by my government to seek verbal assurances from the Indian Government that US military and civilian personnel present in Indi
We fully realize that effecting any legal agreement such as a SOFA, or an exchange of diplomatic notes covering legal issues concerning US and
The Defense Attach Office of the Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its high

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